

REMARKS

Responsive to the requirement for restriction, applicants elect Group I, claims 21-33 and 37-40, drawn to an initiator, with traverse.

Responsive to the requirement for election of species, applicants elect Species 3 (polyamide) and Species 5 (shear joint). It is believed that claims 21-24, 27, 29-32, and 34-37 are readable on the elected embodiment.

Claim 21 has been amended to recite that the second sub-assembly is molded over the pins 11, 12; and of course claims 38-40 are canceled as redundant of thus-amended claim 21.

Also, claim 34 has been amended by making it depend from claim 21 and also by reciting that the sub-assembly 3 is molded over the pins and that a hermetic assembly is formed by ultrasonic welding of the first sub-assembly and the second sub-assembly.

Claim 34 has also been amended by canceling reference to a dry loading process.

As thus amended, it is believed that claims 21 and 34 are indivisible *inter se*.

The requirement for restriction leans heavily on the disclosure of HANSEN 5,932,832. HANSEN relates to an initiator with a glass-to-metal seal header. This is contrary to the present invention, as is pointed out in the introductory portion of the present specification, which points out that the known

devices are limited as recited in the first paragraph of the specification. In sharp contrast, the purpose of the present invention is set forth on page 1, lines 25-27, of the application.

The HANSEN initiator is made of more than two sub-assemblies with:

- a shell casing 10 receiving at least two pre-molded plugs 20 and 24 in addition to the pins with glass header (glass-to-metal seal header) and

- a cover, this cover being in one part only in Figure 13, and in two parts in other figures.

On the contrary, the present initiator is a box of plastic material with a pyrotechnic charge and is made of two sub-assemblies. The first one, a container for the pyrotechnic charge, is in a simple part of plastic. The second one, is also made of plastic, molded over two pins as described.

As a consequence, the current initiator as claimed is also much simpler than is HANSEN.

Lastly, the glass-to-metal (seal) header of the HANSEN initiator has a regular shape (cylindrical). On the contrary, the face of the sub-assembly supporting the electric bridge is hollowed symmetrically over a height H and width L and is made of plastic.

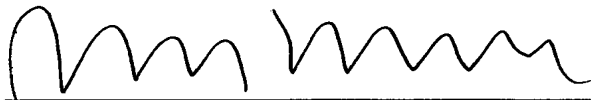
The possible reasons for restriction having been removed by the present amendment and the reliance on HANSEN being

no longer justifiable, it is believed that an action on the merits of all the claims is in order, and the same is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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